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February 14, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE

The Honorable John F. Keenan
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
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Re: United States v. Celso Melendez
07 Cr. 786 (JFK)

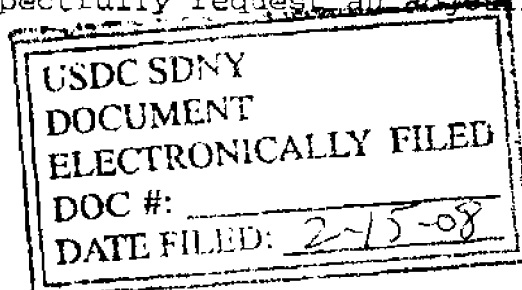
Dear Judge Keenan:

I write on behalf of my client, Celso Melendez, to request an adjournment of the sentencing scheduled for February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The Government consents to this request.

On November 28, 2007, Mr. Melendez pled guilty to one count of possessing child pornography. Prior to his guilty plea, defense counsel arranged for Mr. Melendez to be tested and evaluated by a psychiatrist, Dr. Eric Goldsmith, to determine whether he was a pedophile and whether he posed a danger to children. Dr. Goldsmith produced a report in which he answered those questions in the negative. The defense submitted that report to the Government and the Probation Department.

In addition to the report prepared by Dr. Goldsmith, I believe it would be useful for Mr. Melendez to be evaluated by a therapist of the Probation Department's choosing. I have spoken with United States Probation Officer Michelle Greer-Bambrick, and she has recommended that Mr. Melendez be seen by Kenneth J. Lau, LCSW. We believe that a report can be prepared within approximately 30 days.

For this reason, I respectfully request an adjournment of



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approximately 60 days in order to give the Probation Department
time to incorporate the findings into the Presentence Report.

Respectfully submitted,



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Michelle Greer-Bambrick
U.S. Probation Officer

*Sentence is adjourned
until April 24, 2008 at 10AM*

So ordered John F. Keenan
February 15, 2008 *U. S. D. J.*